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Alex Trujillo
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Dear Mr. Trujillo,

Enclosed, please find an amendment request for Montana Waiver #0208.90.R2. This waiver is in the third year (FY06) of the current renewal period, which ends effective 6/30/08. The State requests from CMS the authority to:

1. Increase the projected number of unduplicated persons to be served to 2,100 in year 3, 2,150 in year 4, and 2,200 in year 5 of the current renewal period. Currently, 2,011 persons are authorized for services in renewal years 3, 4 and 5.

Effective date- Year 3 (7/1/05)

2. Incrementally increase the Factor D value to \$34,038 in year 5. The currently approved Factor D value is \$32,667 in year 5.

Effective date- Year 3 (7/1/05)

3. Provide assistance to recipients moving from the ICF-MR to HCBS waiver services with their one time only start up costs, as outlined in the CMS V.3.3 core service definition for community transition services. Reimbursement will be capped at \$3,000 per transition.

Effective date- Year 3 (7/1/05)

4. Increase the pool of qualified transportation providers. Specifically, the Department requests authority to implement a qualified provider standard enabling reimbursement for relatives, guardians and legally responsible persons for mileage costs when using a personal vehicle, in accordance with the plan of care. The reimbursement will not exceed the State rate for mileage reimbursement when a Montana state employee uses a private vehicle.

Effective date- Year 4 (7/1/06)

5. Add adult foster support as a new waiver service. This will enable reimbursement for the services of adult foster care providers, based on the assessed "difficulty of care" needs of eligible recipients. Adult foster care providers potentially eligible for reimbursement will serve waiver recipients with extraordinary needs for care or supervision.

Effective date- Year 4 (7/1/06)

6. Add Licensed Clinical Social Workers to the list of professional counselors eligible for reimbursement under the Psychological Services category, and update the qualified provider section for professionals eligible to receive reimbursement under this service category.

Effective date- Year 4 (7/1/06)

7. Add adult companion services. The provider standards and service definition are the same as the service currently approved in Montana's 0371.90 Community Supports DD Waiver.

Effective date- Year 4 (7/1/06)

8. Enable reimbursement for licensed assisted living services to persons with DD who function as elderly, or who have care and supervision needs similar to persons who reside in those settings.

Effective date- Year 4 (7/1/06)

9. Add residential training support. This service will provide qualified residential habilitation training, if needed, to recipients in adult foster homes. This service will be provided by either an adult foster care provider who meets the qualified provider standards, or by a qualified employee of a service provider under contract with the DDP.

Effective date- Year 4 (7/1/06)

IN SUMMARY

The 0208.90.R2 Waiver is currently authorized to provide the following services: Family Support Coordination, Homemaker, Personal Care, Residential Habilitation, Day Habilitation, Supported Employment, Respite, Psychological, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Meals (less than 3 per day), Private Duty Nursing, Dietician, Environmental Modifications, Adaptive Equipment and Transportation.

If approved, this waiver would offer the following additional services: Assisted Living, Adult Companion, Adult Foster Support, Residential Training Support and Community Transition Services.

Should you have any questions about the Department's waiver amendment request, the contact person in DDP is Perry Jones. He can be reached at (406) 444-2995.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Chappuis".

John Chappuis, State Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Di Friedli; CMS Denver Office
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